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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 31, 2001

PETITION OF

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

CASE NO. PUE000411

For waiver from compliance With filing deadline

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On August 23, 2000, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued an order in the above-referenced matter granting a waiver to Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative ("NOVEC" or "Company") from compliance with the 120-day deadline for the filing of a competitive natural gas service provider license application required by the Interim Rules Governing Electric and Natural Gas Retail Access Pilot Programs, 20 VAC 5-311-10 et seq. The Company was granted until November 1, 2000, to transfer its natural gas customers to other entities, or to apply for the appropriate license.

On October 27, 2000, the Commission granted NOVEC another extension, and ordered the Company to transfer natural gas customers to America's Energy Alliance, Inc. ("Alliance"), the entity to which NOVEC planned to transfer its customers by February 1, 2001, and to notify the Commission that the planned transfer had been accomplished on or before February 1, 2001.

On November 7, 2000, in Case No. PUA000068, the Commission approved certain NOVEC affiliate transactions. On December 19, 2000, in Case No. PUF000047, the Commission granted NOVEC the authority to guarantee the debt of Alliance. On December 22, 2000, in Case No. PUE000479, the Commission granted Alliance a license to conduct business as a gas and electric competitive service provider and an aggregator.

On January 29, 2001, the Company filed a petition requesting an additional extension of sixty (60) days beyond February 1, 2001, to transfer its natural gas customers to Alliance. In support of its petition, NOVEC notes that the local distribution companies' review of Alliance's financial credit worthiness has taken longer than anticipated to process. NOVEC also states that the Company has been involved in working with Commission Staff to address issues related to affiliate transactions and the debt guarantee. NOVEC therefore will be unable to transition its natural gas customers by February 1, 2001. The Company states that with a sixty (60) day extension natural gas customers may be transferred to Alliance with little or no interruption in service quality or additional costs.

NOVEC represents in its petition that Commission Staff has no objection to a sixty (60) day extension.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) NOVEC's petition for a sixty (60) day extension of time, within which it must transfer its natural gas customers to Alliance and notify the Commission of such transfer, is hereby granted.
- (2) NOVEC shall have until April 2, 2001, to transfer natural gas customers to Alliance, and shall file with the Commission's Clerk's Office, on or before April 2, 2001, notification that the planned transfer has been accomplished.
- (3) This matter is continued pending the receipt of the April 2, 2001, report from NOVEC.